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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I urge the FCC to deny USTelecoms petition affecting wireline competition. It is a hostile, anti-consumer effort to obstruct the intent of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. The very purpose of the Act is to enable competitive market entry and encourage new network deployment. My ISP, Sonic, fulfills that purpose! I would be materially and negatively affected by USTelecoms predatory petition.

The harmful appeals of AT&T, Verizon and other carriers represented by USTelecom, seek to deny competition. The inability of competitive carriers to access critical specific technologies denies Sonic and other companies opportunities to thrive and prosper.

Without access to this advanced infrastructure, Sonic is at risk of losing access to a huge portion of its customer base. I'm a very satisfied Sonic subscriber, so the FCC decision matters to me! Denial of the petition assures me of continued affordable service. I am a fixed-income senior, dependent on the internet for everyday communications (e.g., frequent contact with my ailing husbands healthcare providers) and the unlimited access to online resources.

Sonic needs continued access to copper as a bridge to fiber so they can connect me and others like me to the fastest, most affordable internet available.

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